



# Homestead National Monument of America

## 2016 Special Events and Programs

### **Centennial Celebrations – 100 Years of Service**

Admission to all events, exhibits and displays – free!

#### **Special Exhibits at the Education Center**

January - April 2016: *Velma Armstrong*

May 2016 – Tape-Ography: America in Tape: *Chad Farnes*

June – August 2016: *Laura Ingalls Wilder*

November 29 – December 31, 2016: *Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures*

#### **JANUARY**

Every Sat. & Sun.	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival – National Parks in the Movies
2 & 3 Sat & Sun	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival - <i>Grand Canyon Adventure</i>
9 & 10 Sat&Sun	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival – <i>Dances with Wolves</i>
16 & 17 Sat&Sun	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival – <i>Into the Wild</i>
18 Monday	2 p.m.	Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr
23 & 24 Sat&Sun	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival – <i>North by Northwest</i>
30 Saturday	1 p.m.	Junior Ranger Program – <i>Kids, Explore your winter world!</i>
30 & 31 Sat&Sun	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival – <i>Wild America</i>

#### **FEBRUARY**

Every Sat. & Sun.	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival – National Parks in the Movies
6 & 7 Sat&Sun	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival – <i>Thelma &amp; Louise</i>
13 & 14 Sat&Sun	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival – <i>The New World</i>
15 Monday	2 p.m.	African-American History Month
20 & 21 Sat&Sun	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival - <i>Taps</i>
27 & 28 Sat&Sun	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival - <i>Shane</i>
27 Saturday	1 p.m.	Junior Ranger Program – <i>Kids, Explore your winter world!-</i>
27 Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Winter Deer Survey

#### **MARCH**

4 Friday	7 p.m.	“Black Experience in the Heartland”- <i>This play connects visitors to powerful stories of African American struggle and achievement, and introduces them to the National Parks that help preserve those stories., including Homestead.</i>
13 Sunday	2 p.m.	Women’s History Month Program
17-18 Thursday - Friday		Heartland Storytelling Festival
19 Saturday		Homestead’s 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday!
26 Saturday	1 p.m.,	Junior Ranger Program – <i>Kids, Birding Basics!</i>

#### **APRIL**

16-24 Saturday - Sunday		National Park Week
16 Saturday	1 pm	National Jr. Ranger Day program – <i>Kids and families</i>
24 Sunday	2 p.m.	“Catherland” – <i>Musical production, in conjunction with the Lied Center for Performing Arts “Arts Across Nebraska” program.</i>

#### **MAY**

6 & 7 Fri. & Sat	8–9 a.m.	Birds & Bagels – <i>Celebrate the Centennial with the birds!</i>
28 Saturday	10 a.m.	Tallgrass Prairie Fiddle Festival

#### **JUNE**

<b>3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>Fri. &amp; Sat</b>	<b>8–9 a.m.</b>	<b>Birds &amp; Bagels – Celebrate the Centennial with the birds!</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>Tractor Relay Across Nebraska – Start of the Nebraska Parks Centennial Tour</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>U.S. Immigration Naturalization Ceremony</b>
<b>17-19</b>	<b>Fri–Sun</b>	<b>10am-4pm</b>	<b>Homestead Days 2016</b>

## **JULY**

<b>Every Saturday</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Kids in Parks Program - Nature Detective Series</b>
<b>Every Sat &amp; Sun</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Film Festival – National Parks in the Movies</b>
<b>2 &amp; 3 Sat &amp; Sun</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Film Festival – To Dance with the White Dog</b>
<b>4 Monday</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Campfire Program – Homestead Historian, Dan Ott</b>
<b>8 &amp; 9 Fri &amp; Sat</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>Land Records &amp; Genealogy Symposium – in cooperation with Southeast Community College</b>
<b>9 Saturday</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Campfire Concert Series – Michael Murphy</b>
<b>9 &amp; 10 Sat&amp;Sun</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Film Festival – Grapes of Wrath</b>
<b>16 Saturday</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Campfire Concert Series – Toasted Ponies</b>
<b>16 &amp; 17 Sat&amp;Sun</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Film Festival – Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid</b>
<b>23 Saturday</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Campfire Concert Series – Paul Siebert</b>
<b>23 &amp; 24 Sat&amp;Sun</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Film Festival – Escape from Alcatraz</b>
<b>30 Saturday</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Campfire Concert Series – String Beans</b>
<b>30 &amp; 31 Sat&amp;Sun</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Film Festival – Last of the Mohicans</b>

## **AUGUST**

<b>Every Sat &amp; Sun</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Film Festival – National Parks in the Movies</b>
<b>6 Saturday</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Kids in Parks Programs - Nature Detective Series</b>
<b>6 Saturday</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Campfire Concert Series –Gulizia Brothers</b>
<b>6 &amp; 7 Sat&amp;Sun</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Film Festival – Gettysburg</b>
<b>8 Monday</b>	<b>10am-4 pm</b>	<b>National Solar Challenge Road Race – Homestead Stop &amp; Centennial Environmental Expo</b>
<b>13 Saturday</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Campfire Concert Series – Lightning Bugs</b>
<b>13 &amp; 14 Sat&amp;Sun</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Film Festival – Indian Jones and the Last Crusade</b>
<b>20 &amp; 21 Sat&amp;Sun</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Film Festival – E.T.</b>
<b>25 Thursday</b>		<b>Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, National Park Service! – Beatrice Elementary to “Sing Across America”</b>
<b>27 &amp; 28 Sat&amp;Sun</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Film Festival – Far and Away</b>

## **SEPTEMBER**

<b>3-5 Sat-Mon</b>	<b>10am-4pm</b>	<b>Labor Day – Living History Weekend</b>
<b>4 Sunday</b>	<b>10am-4pm</b>	<b>Centennial Car Show</b>
<b>5 Monday</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Fashioned Spelling Bee</b>
<b>15 Thursday</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>U.S. Immigration Naturalization Ceremony – Constitution Day</b>
<b>20 Tuesday</b>		<b>Prairie Visions Writing Festival (Grades 9-12)</b>
<b>24 Saturday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Public Lands Day Volunteer Project – Deer Survey</b>
<b>25 Sunday</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Prairie Appreciation Photography Festival to kick off Prairie Appreciation Week</b>

## **OCTOBER**

<b>1 Saturday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Prairie Work Day - A Prairie Appreciation Week event</b>
<b>2 Sunday</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Bee Bioblitz – Celebrate the Centennial with pollinators of the prairie</b>
<b>5-7 Wed-Fri.</b>		<b>Pioneer Days (Grade 4 - Reservations Required)</b>
<b>9 Sunday</b>	<b>2-4 p.m.</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual Homestead Hedge Apple Festival</b>
<b>16 Sunday</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>	<b>Family History Month - Special Speaker</b>

29	Saturday	8:45 am	Plow The Prairie Centennial Celebration Trail Run
29	Saturday	6 p.m.	Howling Homestead

### **NOVEMBER**

13	Sunday	2 p.m.	American Indian Heritage Month Program - <i>Special Speaker</i>
20	Sunday	2 p.m.	Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures - <i>Special Speaker</i>
25-27	Fri-Sun		Junior Ranger Weekend
26	Saturday	2 p.m.	Junior Ranger Program – <i>Kids, Explore your autumn world</i>
27	Sunday	2 p.m.	Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures - <i>Special Speaker</i>

### **DECEMBER**

			<i>Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures Displays – Closes December 31</i>
4	Sunday	2 p.m.	Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures - <i>Special Speaker</i>
11	Sunday	2 p.m.	Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures - <i>Special Speaker</i>

Visitor Center Hours:  
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sat-Sun: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Trails Open Dawn till Dusk



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